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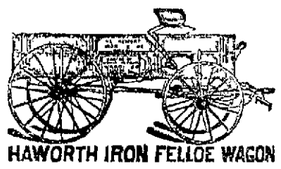

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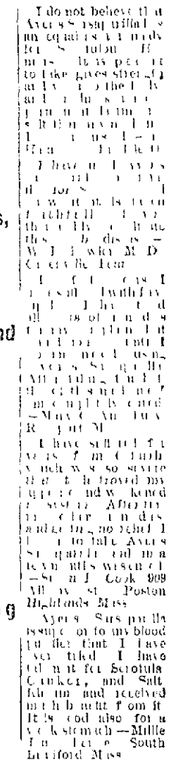

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GREELEY'S ESTATE

A Card from Colonel Nicholas Smith, the Great Editor's Son-in-Law

No man knows better than you that Horace Greeley left no fortune. His insolvency at the time of his death was so well understood that, if I mistake not, you yourself proposed to raise a fund for the endowment of his daughters. His daughter afterward my wife with a grace and delicacy that charmed me away off in the West, published a card declining to be thus enriched.

At the time of our marriage—and I blush to be forced to tell these things—she had just $5,000 paid to her by the late Commodore Vanderbilt as a slight recognization of his obligation to Mr. Greeley for his great kindness to his unfortunate son. The money she used in buying a trousseau and in defraying the expenses of her wedding.

At that time Mr. Greeley had been dead three years and she had never received one dollar from the executors. The only money they had succeeded in collecting was $5,000 which they, at her request paid to Mrs. Cleveland as a legacy. Three years later the assets were turned over to me but not one dollar in money. The absolute management of what appeared to be worthless property was generously conceded to me. The rock which Alexander Hamilton struck was not dry or promising. A little while before Mrs. Smith's death she and her sister published a card in answer to a similar calumny and added: "Our estates have more than doubled under his (my) management."

I made some good collections and some better investments. After a while the panic came and the value of our property ran down, some of it to zero but whose did not? My sister-in-law reposed absolute confidence in me, and I never consciously abused it. The estate was managed as one property. I am sure you will be glad to know that your statement concerning her financial condition is not true. Her portion of the sixty thousand dollars collected from the younger Vanderbilt she still has. Chappaqua is hers and if all the propitious signs do not fail she will soon have from the property I invested some of her money in and much more of my own a handsome return.

With John T. Cleveland's estate I had nothing whatever to do. The only money I ever touched belonging to Mrs. Cleveland which I did not give her myself was $5,000 presented by Miss Gretchen, after advising and consulting with me, and invested by me at her (Mrs. Cleveland's) urgent request. The five per cent. bonds I first purchased for her were not satisfactory. As I was getting larger profits from my own money she naturally expected more for hers. I knew it was risky, but after consulting with my broker I took the responsibility of guaranteeing seven per cent. interest to her. The property soon ceased to pay dividends. It could not have been sold in the market for one dollar. Mrs. Cleveland needed $1,000, the price of one of her old bonds, and I paid her the money out of my own pocket. But as I said, I guaranteed her interest. When Chappaqua was sold I gave her my portion of the money outright—a sum more than sufficient to pay all the accrued interest upon her $4,000 up to this hour.—*Letter in N. Y. Sun.*

HABITS OF WRITERS

How Some of Our Most Famous Authors Make Manuscript.

Bancroft uses a typewriter and stenographer but he thinks 250 words a good day's work. And James G. Blaine thought he was doing well when he accomplished 1,500 words of a morning. One of the fastest writers among the public men of to-day is Admiral Porter whose brain works like the wheel of a dynamo, throwing off sparks at every turn and whose pencil rushes across the paper at almost a telegraphic speed. Admiral Porter wrote his history of the United States navy in eleven months, and during this time his average was at least 75,000 words a month or nearly 2,500 words a day, including Sundays. The book is as big as a dictionary and it contains from 700,000 to 800,000 words. During many of these days he did not write at all and his average during his working period time was as high as 5,000 words a day. Admiral Porter is fond of writing. He never uses any thing now but a lead pencil and he says he can not think well without his pencil in his hand. He had a slight attack of pneumonia once and his hand refuses to act whenever his finger touches the steel of the pen. He began his novel-writing for amusement and he wrote 'Allan Dare' without any idea that it would be published. It is much less dramatized. He starts up while writing, and when he becomes interested he writes right along for hours at a stretch. George Bancroft works only in the morning. Blaine did his best work before noon and Logan worked both morning and evening.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Mrs. Gowan must be a woman who suffers great distress. I remarked Mr. Perry as he observed the lady in question exhibiting a very profuse array of jewelry. She hasn't that reputation, sir, replied Mr. Oracle, why do you infer so? Merely the way she rings her limbs, was the response.—*Yonkers Gazette.*

—An advertisement in a recent morning paper announced that the advertiser wanted a servant who knows how to wash cows and take care of children. We were for what is to be done with the children after they have been washed and cooked!—*N. Y. Ledger.*

Their Business Booming

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at J. A. Swearingen's drug store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, croup and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size $1. Every bottle warranted.

See the "Home Comfort" Ranges at Morehouse, Wells & Co.'s. daw

Does This Catch Your Eye?

We have an obscure idea that it does, but if we are in error kindly give us an indication and if the REPUBLICAN is for sale we will buy the plant and run her wide open to make you aware of the fact that we are offering THE GREATEST BARGAINS IN

RED FLANNEL UNDERWEAR

In the United States.

100 Dozen Undershirts.
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All Wool, Soft Finish, Extra Fine Quality, worth $2.00, at ONE-HALF THE PRICE—

$1.00 UNDERSHIRTS.
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Come at once, as these goods will walk away with anything in the Flannel line that sells for more money.

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The Boss Clothier.

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WOOLEN HOODS at 25c; former price, 50c.

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Remnants of DRESS GOODS at 10c per yard; former price 15c.

Remnants of DRESS GOODS at 15c per yard; former price 20c.

Remnants of Dress Goods at 19c per yard; former price 25c and 30c.

Remnants of All Wool Dress Goods at 39c; former price 50c.

Remnants of All Wool Fancy Dress Goods, fifty and fifty-four inches wide, at 50c former price 75c.

Remnants of Fine French Dress Goods, in plain and fancy colors, at 75c per yard; former price 90c, $1.00 and $1.25 per yd.

One lot of Odd Sizes in Ladies' and Children's Cloaks, Marked Down to Exactly ONE-HALF the Original Price!

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NEW YORK STORE.

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Thou shalt have no other place to buy Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods, except CHEAP CHARLEY'S.

II.

Thou shalt not choose unto thyself any other Merchant; thou shalt not bow down to them nor listen to their speeches, for Cheap Charley's Clothing House is a reliable place to trade; capable to serve his customers to the third and fourth generations.

III.

Thou need not seek in vain for stylish Clothing, Furnishing Goods, etc., at the Very Lowest Prices, for they can be found in large quantities at Cheap Charley's.

IV.

Thou shalt bear in mind that if any day in the week you will buy a suit of clothes at Cheap Charley's you can rest easy on the seventh.

V.

Thou shalt honor Cheap Charley's One Price Clothing House. May you for many years be dressed in suits thereof.

VI.

Thou shalt not commit an outrage on propriety by purchasing thy Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks, etc., elsewhere, but go direct to Cheap Charley's, where thou will get what thou wantest at Low Prices.

VII.

Thou shalt not seek adulterously strange styles, but go direct to Cheap Charleys, Corner of Old Square.

VIII.

Thou shalt not steal an Overcoat, for Cheap Charley sells them so cheap it would be a sin.

IX.

Thou shalt not bear false witness, but openly acknowledge that thou canst be better suited at Cheap Charley's for less money than any other Clothing House in the city.

X.

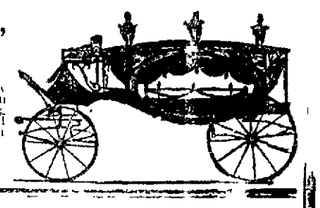
Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods, nor his bargains, but take counsel of this and proceed straightway to Cheap Charley's, Corner of Old Square.

CHEAP CHARLEY'S

Corner of the Old Square.

J. B. BULLARD,

FUNERAL DIRECTOR,



Has removed from the Old Square to his new quarters in MASONIC TEMPLE BLOCK, 250 N. Water Street, where he will be glad to attend to the finer duties of his profession and trust to do it in the highest style. The art, Calkins-Holden day, will receive prompt attention. Incorporation a wedding, call.

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Varieties of Hard and Soft Coal at L. Martin & Co.'s Main Street Yard. Telephone No. 45. Other Telephone at Scarrett & Co.'s store, opposite post-office. n20 d1f

Decatur Coal.

The Decatur Coal Company is now prepared to supply the trade with fuel at the lowest running prices. Prompt delivery a specialty. Up-town office at Armstrong's drug store—telephone 227. Office—

Any one in need of a first class cook should call at 1 Hotel Comfort. Range sold by Morehouse, Wells & Co. One of the best housekeepers in the city says: "We did not know what Home Comfort was until we had a Home Comfort Range in the house." d-tf

L. LOTTINGER has purchased the shop in the north end of Central Block, where all of his friends and new ones are as well will receive a hearty welcome, and get shaving work done in first-class style. Hair cutting a specialty. dec19 d1m

LIGHT-WEIGHT Flannel Shirts, neatly made, perfect fits, elegant shades, well adapted for clerks, book-keepers and business men generally, at B. STINE'S.

All kinds of upholstering goods in stock at A. Beers, Lincoln Square. oct13 d3m

COCHECO Flannel Shirts, in all the latest shades, plaited bosom, perfect in fit, at B. Stine's. d&f

FUR CAPS. Scotch Caps and every kind of cap at the Star Clothing House, 147 N. Water street. dec1-d1m

Dress Goods,

In French, German and American Novelties very handsome and cheap, just received. LINN & SCRUGGS. d&w

Go to The Spencer & Lenahan Co. for Wood Pumps, Chain Pumps and Iron Force Pumps. Nov 9-d&wtf law

THE Hercules waste shirts are the best and only one dollar. LINN & SCRUGGS. d&w law

Children's Cloaks,

A large assortment, in handsome styles and cheap, at LINN & SCRUGGS. law

J. R. RACE & Co. have a fine line of MEN'S FELT HATS from 17 to 20 inch collar. daw

CHARLEY can and will save you money on anything you buy of him. d-wtf

J. R. RACE & Co. are making big reductions on Overcoats and Heavy Clothing. daw

THE Hercules waste shirts are the best and only one dollar. LINN & SCRUGGS. d&w

A CHILD can buy at Cheap Charley's as well as any man. d-tf

Get the best oysters, packed fresh every morning at DINGS & COE'S. d 12th dtf

Novelties in Ladies' Felt Hats at B. STINE'S. dtf

THE Bon Ton Shop will make you low, first-class work. sep18-dtf

GOOD HEATED SHOP. Umbrellas the finest in the market. Time's. dtf

RICHARD [illegible] general lines of [illegible] Shop at [illegible]

WE WANT [illegible] for our papers at B. STINE'S. dtf

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of William H. Churchman, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the estate of William H. Churchman, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 13th day of December, 1887.

M. EINSTEIN, Administrator.

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Executors' Notice.

Estate of James M. Stookey, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed Executor of the estate of James M. Stookey, late of the county of Macon, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of said county, at the court house in Decatur, at the January term, 1888, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 12th day of December, 1887.

BENJAMIN F. POSS, Executor.

J. C. ROSTETTER, Attorney. dec12-d

B. L. STERRETT

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Office over [illegible] Illinois.

DAILY REPUBLICAN.

D. K. HAMSHER. J. R. MOSSER.

HAMSHER & MOSSER, Prop'trs.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

Entered at the Post Office at Decatur, Illinois, as second class mail matter.

TUESDAY EVE., JAN. 17, 1888.

TALKING about burglars, those who carry on business in Lincoln are too tilted to the whole bakery. Scarcely has one the other night they cleared off an entire field of corn. The Hoosiers never do things by halves, whether it is the daily sheets of an election that are to be manipulated or the product of a farm full labor that are to be speculated upon the operators are the same methods, somewhat polished artistic.

IN Chicago the people are having their regular annual row over the best method of warming street cars. Mountains three adjuncts of modern urban civilization continue to maintain their character as fir balsam, refrigerators, and people who want to keep from freezing prefer to avoid them. Decatur solved the problem several years ago, and if the Chicago street car managers want a free ton let them come down and inspect the way Manager Ferguson does it.

"TREASON," cry the free trade organs, "are the outcry with or the tariff." Although every intelligent citizen knows better than the average Democratic paper will probably go on ringing the changes on the story until election day. Everything is to be charged up to the tariff, is the watchword. No matter whether it is free or low, go ahead with the charges. Small-pox, whooping-cough, the last year's drouth, the present winter's severity all are to be charged to the tariff.

THE Western Iron Ore Association held a meeting in Cleveland last week, and adopted a memorial to Congress protesting against the removal of the duty on ore, claiming that such a policy would close many mines and prove ruinous to the labor of the country. The Western Iron Ore Association is barking up the wrong tree when it comes out against a policy that would prove disastrous to American labor. If is not American labor, but foreign labor which the advocates of "free ore" want to benefit.

The Cold Snap.

The cold wave which swept over the country on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, was one of the most terrible in its effects of any that we have any account of. The mercury has sunk lower on other occasions than it did this time, but we have no record of any instance in this country where so many lives were lost. There seems to have been a peculiar quality to the cold the time which made it more difficult for human beings to withstand than is usually the case. The reports from the breezy prairies of Dakota give the most heartrending accounts of the freezing to death not only of women and children, but also of strong, well-sheltered men, who found themselves unable to stand up under the assaults of the fierce blasts. The atmosphere, we are told, was filled with minute particles of ice, which, being inhaled, seemed to quickly fill up the lungs and cut off a person of suffocation. The wind blew with the force of a hurricane, and it is not to be wondered at that so many of those who were caught by the storm should have succumbed to its terrors.

THE convention of the Irish farmers of Illinois, in session at Peoria this week adopted a platform which is all well enough, except as regards a labor question, interminable length and prolixity. One of its most noteworthy features is the declaration that time and boycotting, as a remedy for labor grievances, are a failure, and that the ballot box is the best medium for the accomplishment of the desired objects. It is in favor of arbitration as a means for the settlement of disputes between employer and employes. More practical good would be accomplished by the convention at Peoria than is usually displayed by similar bodies. We congratulate the organized workers of Illinois upon the increasing evidences of progress in real wisdom on their part. The fact is, the workingmen of this country, if left to themselves and to their own good sense, without being influenced by professional labor-agitators, would soon work up their own salvation in a manner that would be satisfactory both to themselves and to the general public.

"TUTAR" was a sound of revelry by night, and she had accordingly couldn't go, all on account of neuralgia. Her favorite dude, however, had a loyal head, and, instead of a bouquet, brought Salvation Oil. They went, and were happy once more.

The proprietors of the *Turboro Southerner*, Tarboro, N. C., write: "Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup goes so fast our druggists can't keep supplied."

The Lecture Course.

Below are the dates for the attractions of the Star Lecture Course at Music Hall, under the management of Mr. W. E. Mann. The entertainments will be first class throughout, at popular prices, only one dollar for the course. Here are the dates:

Friday evening, Jan. 20 -Dr. Willits; subject, "The Model Wife."

Tuesday evening, Feb. 14 -The funny Valentine, Bill Nye.

Thursday evening, March 1st – Decatur Home Talent Concert – Arion Quartette and Prof. Bull, Miss Berry and Mrs. C. W. Montgomery.

Thursday evening, March 29 – The jolly traveler, Col. J. P. Sanford.

Thursday evening, April 12 The prince of lecturers, Col. D. F. Copeland, who is recalled repeatedly to lecture in cities he has visited.

Reserved seats for this course can be had at Saxton's book store at 50 cents. Buy a course ticket for $1.00 and reserve your seat. 14-d6

Boarding.

The undersigned has taken possession of the well-known Hotel and Boarding House, at the corner of West Main and Church streets, and having refurnished it throughout, is prepared to accommodate the public with meals, lodging or regular board. Terms reasonable. Stabling and feed for horses. Give me a call. D. F. HERMAN.

11-d6

THE SPENCER & LEHMAN CO. sell the old reliable Peter Shuttler and Moline Wagons. Nov 9-d&wtf

A SHIP with a fine line of Christmas presents can be seen at Cheap Charley's. d&wtf

GO TO Cheap Charley's clothing house. d&wtf

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Nominations of Messrs. Vilas, Dickinson and Lamar Confirmed.

A Hot and Somewhat Acrimonious Debate of Three Hours Over the Lamar Nomination.

Mr. Outhwaite's Bill for the Gradual Extinguishment of the Pacific Railroads' Indebtedness--Congressional.

Bills Introduced in the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Among the bills introduced in the House yesterday were the following:

By Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama: Providing for certain works of coast defense. It appropriates $67,000. Of the sum $25,000 is to be expended for the operating and repairing of gardens; $18,000 for the purchase of torpedoes and for defending New York harbor; the remainder for a rifle cannon mortar.

By Mr. Payson, of Illinois: A resolution granting the State of Illinois all the public lands now or formerly owned by the United States—within the State to satisfy its claim for swamp and school lands.

By Mr. Anderson, of Kentucky: Directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue within thirty days after the redemption of National bank notes a corresponding amount of United States notes.

By Mr. Tarsney, of Michigan: To construct Government buildings in every city having a population of 10,000 and less than 20,000 at a cost not to exceed $50,000; in cities of 5,000 inhabitants, $25,000.

By Mr. Landes, of Illinois: To refund the surplus by paying a bounty of twenty-five cents a bushel for wheat sent to foreign countries.

By Mr. Landes, of Illinois: Appropriating $2,000,000 for the construction of a public building in Chicago to be used as an appraisers' warehouse. The corner of Sherman and Harrison streets is mentioned as the site.

Mr. Hovey introduced a bill to pay to soldiers of the late war a sum equal to forty per cent. on the amount of their original pay, to make good the difference between the greenbacks in which they were paid and the gold coin with which the greenbacks were redeemed.

Mr. Mills, of Texas, introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to apply the surplus to the purchase or redemption of United States bonds.

Bills Introduced in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Among the bills introduced in the Senate yesterday were the following:

By Mr. Evarts: Indemnifying settlers on the Des Moines river lands, in Iowa, for lands taken from them.

By Mr. Colquitt: Establishing a bureau of harbors and waterways in the War Department, charged by reports of United States civil engineers, the bureau to be charged with the construction, conduct and preservation of harbor and waterway works, and to consist of one chief of the corps, four associate chiefs, not more than one more than eleven department engineers, and not more than fifty division engineers, one hundred first assistant engineers, two hundred second assistant engineers and 250 cadet engineers. It divides the country into seven divisions and departments and directs over which the officers provided for will have charge. The pay of the officers is to be as follows: Chief engineer, $10,000; associate chief, $7,500; department engineers, $6,000; division engineers, $5,000; first class assistants, $2,500; second class assistants, $1,800, and cadets $1,000 with the privilege of retirement on one-half the pay of a colonel after forty-five.

By Mr. Call: Appropriating $24,000 to build the public post office at Jacksonville, Fla.

By Mr. Farwell: Appropriating $200,000 for the expenses of an appraisers' warehouse in Chicago.

By Mr. Butler: To erect all Government executive, postoffice, camps, etc., to be printed on hand color presses in the highest style of the printing art; also that the chief and assistant chief of bureau of engraving and printing shall be practical engravers and printers.

The Pacific Railroads Indebtedness.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Mr. Outhwaite introduced a bill in the House yesterday providing for the funding of the debts of the Pacific railroads. The basis of the funding scheme is outlined in the first section of the bill. That is the Secretary of the Treasury is to ascertain the indebtedness of the roads lived upon the same principle as the bonds and interest are to be paid in cash on June 30 of the whole of the indebtedness. The bonds is to be called for payment and to be paid in gold coin or its equivalent. Certificates of indebtedness shall be issued to the companies for the amounts that would be paid in cash July 1, 1888, the Government debt [illegible] companies to begin semi-annual payment of the principal of the debt [illegible] January 1889 and to continue [illegible] every six months thereafter in such amounts as to provide for the payment of the debt in fifty years, each company, the sections provide, annually for ten years, commencing January 1, 1889, shall pay an additional [illegible] interest then due on the debt [illegible] one-third of one per cent. of the [illegible] on for which it gave its bonds not [illegible] ages, and for a period of ten years [illegible] mencing January 1, 1889, each [illegible] shall pay as aforesaid, two-thirds [illegible] per cent., and for two years, commencing January 1, 1899, each company [illegible] as aforesaid one per cent., and [illegible] years, commencing January 1, [illegible] per cent. of said whole amount.

Section 8 permits the companies to return to the Government [illegible] bonds and [illegible] of July, 1887, in money or [illegible] cent., and the rest of the bonded debt shall continue to be held under the present security and to draw interest at the present rate. It provides that the bonded indebtedness of the companies as to all liens prescribed payments are discharged.

Section 10 commands the companies to empower the Attorney-General to institute all such suits as he may deem necessary against former directors, officers or agents who have been guilty of violations of duty or misappropriations of assets of the companies.

Section 11 imposes a charge of 75 per cent. of the net earnings of the road failing to accept the act or complete its adjustment before July 1, 1888.

Section 12 abolishes the office of Government director, and provides for the companies transacting their own business, and dissolves the present unsatisfactory and unprofitable association of the Government with these corporations.

Section 13 is a saving clause, holding all Government rights and remedies unimpaired, and retains the right of Congress to alter, amend or repeal.

THE FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A number of petitions were presented in favor of the proposed Constitutional Centennial and Permanent Exhibition in Washington.

Mr. Blair presented the resolution of the General Assembly of the Knights of Labor protesting that the substitution of steam presses for hand printing of Government bonds, securities, etc., has resulted in inferior work, and demanding an investigation and return to hand printing. Mr. Blair said he was conversant with the justice of the demand.

Mr. Sawyer reported from the post-office committee the House bill prescribing what printed matter is allowable as to wrappers of second, third and fourth class mail matter. He asked immediate consideration of the bill, but it went over on his objection.

Mr. Sherman introduced a bill to provide for the appointment of a Government commission to investigate and report on the condition and progress of the colored race. He said the bill was indorsed by colored clergymen and others, and he was satisfied that such an inquiry would be of National importance.

Mr. Hale introduced a resolution directing reciprocity with any North American State or political division which may adopt a republican form of government and declaring that such division may be admitted to the Union on a vote of Congress.

Mr. Chandler introduced a bill to prescribe the method of holding Congressional elections in South Carolina.

Mr. McPherson rose to a question of privilege, to declare as a falsehood a published statement that he had recently asked the floor for a ten minute speech by courtesy of Senator Gray, and proceeded to consume two hours and a half of that Senator's time.

Mr. Gray requested Mr. Mitchell of any such disagreeable.

On motion of Mr. Edmunds, the Senate at 1 p. m. went into secret session.

At half-past four o'clock the doors were re opened and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

The Dingley resolution calling for information relative to discrimination in tolls against American vessels passing through the Welland Canal, was reported back from committee and adopted.

Mr. Dingley said that the offering of the resolution had caused excitement in Canadian official circles. These officials claimed that the discriminations practiced were not violations of the treaty. They claimed that discrimination against American vessels was not discrimination against Americans vessels. Mr. Dingley said there was in the country that would not tolerate discrimination against the object of which was to be used, was Fiscal question had been offered in the hope that the President would act early day call the attention of the British authorities to the violation of the treaty, so that the Congress might be informed and take such legislation.

Mr. Richard on, of the committee on printing, submitted the report of that committee, on the resolution of the 12th inst., in relation to the cause of the delay in supplying to members copies of the Daily Record. The report contains a letter from the public printer stating that delay has only happened on two occasions, and in each case was caused by a failure of the clerks' office of the House to furnish copy until a late hour. There is no delay from the clerk of the House stating that the failure was due to the incomplete condition of bills introduced through the private bill box. Assurance is given by both the committee and the public printer that there will be no delay in the future on the part of the copy.

Mr. Hopkins, chairman of the committee to which was referred the resolution to investigate the charges against Speaker Carlisle, reported back the resolution with the recommendation that it be laid on the table.

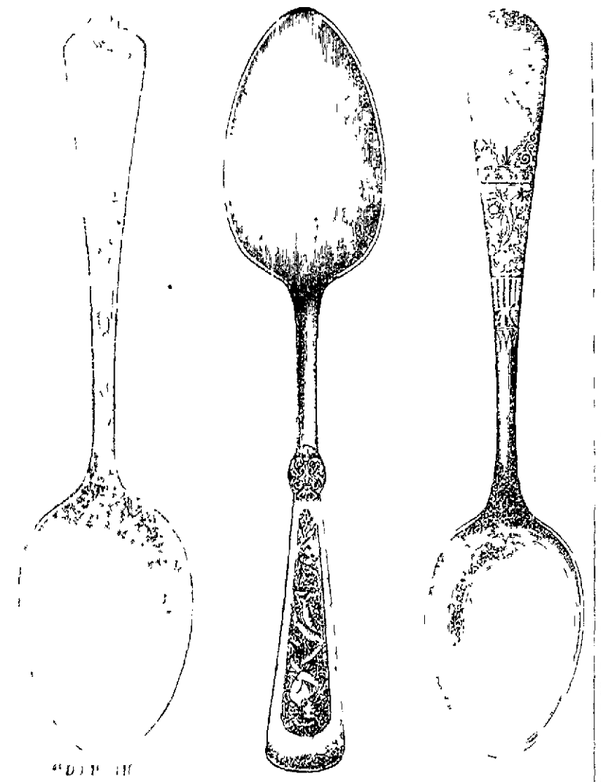
Mr. Springer moved to amend by adding the following:

"That the Committee on Rules be instructed to report forthwith a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of seven members of the House, to investigate the charges made by Hon. Roger Q. Mills, a member of this House, in a speech delivered in the House on the 12th inst., and to report the result of such investigation to the House with such recommendations as to the committee may seem proper."

Mr. Springer said that the charges made by Mr. Mills were of the most serious character, and affected the honor of the House. He thought the House should not rest under the charges for a single day.

Mr. Hopkins said that the charges made by Mr. Mills were not of a character to require investigation by the House. They were made by a member of the House, and if he had any evidence to sustain them he should present it to the House. The charges were made in debate, and were not of a character to require investigation by the House.

Mr. Springer said that the charges made by Mr. Mills were



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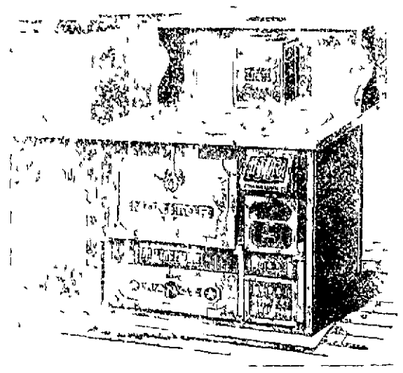

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DINGES & CLOYD'S.

TUESDAY EVE JAN 17, 1888

LOCAL NEWS.

For dainty mill waste go to L D Lathrop Milliken & Co's.

Star Course Ticket at Saxton's 11d8

It takes three mules to pull a street car these wintry days

Dancing party Thursday night at the Odd Fellow Hall

Nothing now is drinkable—only slightly excepted

Fine Music in the Star Course 11d8

Letters should be written to the Christian church letter list

Parties desiring a nice Table & Folding Lounge or Piano Lamp cheap will find same at Lytle & Eckels' Low Price Store

Mrs Mary J Pennell has sold to Charles H Dauby a lot on Webster street for $91

Always call for the celebrated White Loaf flour Best in the market

"Job's Vision" of the celestial city will be shown at the opera house Friday night in Fine London

Another spring day in the temperature was the draft room going from 8 below zero to 10 above at 10 p m It will be colder to-day

Street Commissioner Young is road boss and finds no one at J Lytle & Co's Opposite grocery store

It was decided in the grand jury room yesterday for the present to do much business Interesting story Mr Janitor

Ring up No 1 grocery by telephone Hotchkiss & Co for groceries promptly

Interesting event at the First M E church tomorrow evening specially interesting on account of the presence at the close of the prison Several vocal numbers are promised to be rendered Let us hope that will be a rousing meeting Rev Mills will preach a short sermon There will be a short service right this week Wednesday You are invited to attend

Mr Hamilton has sold his works at Pana and they will be removed to Mount Pleasant shortly

Fine Oysters, cocktails, Hanks & Hutchinson's Delicacy store 143 South Water

The Citizens Company by Secretary Buck have presented us with a neat lithographed calendar for 1888 It is a useful ornament

The popular White Loaf flour, made by Stillwell & Co, is sold by all leading grocers

Snow Bros came down from Maroa yesterday All says the fire came near sweeping away the town

Sit Brooks & Osborne at 121 North Water sell first class family groceries and Queensware

Gospel temperance by young men in the Young Men's Christian Association rooms 7 30 this evening Rooms on Merchant street

Carriage wrecked Sleigh for Mrs Mitchell's use by jumping on behind The best livery team in the city over Since system of the damage

Mrs Mary Warden writes us that because of ill health of the senior proprietor the Weekly Gazette the office is for sale at a bargain Fresh

Spend a cent only by telephone for groceries Figure to Moore Bros in operation

The State Labor convention at its recent session passed a resolution by a unanimous vote declaring that the law requiring the supreme court to hold its sessions at two different points in the state should be amended so as to authorize those sessions to be held in the city of Springfield

We would like to make the acquaintance of the lady or gentleman who will say that they have used *Apple Syrup* superior to our XXXX Dinges & Cloyd

Sorghum and Cane Molasses Landing at W H Shoals office North Main street

Remember we are the sole agents for the most celebrated *Princess Tea* so much talked and praised by the Chicago and Eastern visitors to the St Louis exposition Dinges & Cloyd

Grain In Store in Chicago

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The Hanes Bros piano is not a stranger to Decatur people— the many who have purchased pianos of them should know where to find them when they need anything in the piano line Such is the *Hanes Brothers* record in Decatur, and the following testimonial from the most popular of the Hanes Bros pianos in Decatur and other sections, make our words concerning it need no comment

C B Prescott

Opening of the regular term of the Musical Union Monday January 23 Piano class in violin opening and closing at 7 30 tonight Corner Main and William streets jan14dtwtd

See the "Home Comfort" Ranges at Morehouse Wells & Co's daw

The Dr. Mills Case

Yesterday George P Hardy, county clerk, was subpœnaed to appear for the government at Albany, New York, 1,200 miles away, to testify in the U S district court against Dr R N Mills, a former citizen of Decatur, who is in serious trouble on account of an alleged pension fraud by which the government was euchered out of about $14,000 in clean cash The alleged confederates of Dr Mills were his wife and two men, all of whom were arrested at Elmira, N Y, last May Since then Mills has been in jail in default of $25 000 bail The scheme worked was about as follows Dr Mills undertook to get a pension for a blind man who was in the rebel army, showing by false papers that he was in the union army and became blind while in the service The blind man was to receive $1 000 as his share The draft was issued for about $14,000 but the beneficiary didn't get the thousand agreed upon He became angry and went to Washington where he made a clean breast of the whole fraud The arrest of Mills and his confederates followed The trial was to begin at Albany to day and Clerk Hardy is wanted there with the county record to show that Dr Mills was county physician for Macon county from 1872 to 1874 It will be remembered that Dr Mills was also alderman in the city council in 1874 and 1875, when Franklin Priest and R H Meriweather were mayors He is a tall handsome man who made many acquaintances during his short residence in Decatur, and was quite active in politics Mr Hardy will probably leave for Albany this week His mileage will amount to over $100 and his per diem while in Albany will be $2 00

A Visitation

Bishop Merrill of Chicago will pay the Methodists of Macon a visit on Sunday next delivering two sermons in Rev J R Reasoner's church which has lately been improved by a handsome addition which cost nearly $700 The membership have paid for the improvement, so the dedication will not be given up to a pleading dun The Bishop and Rev Reasoner were once brother members of the Kentucky Conference and are old friends Doubtless a number of Decatur people will go to Macon to hear the Bishop on Sunday

The adjourned meeting of the Charity Organization Society will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the rooms of the Y M C A The officers of the organization are to be elected and the council formed at that meeting All interested are invited to be present

With commendable enterprise the Macon News got out an extra Monday morning giving a full account of the $30,000 fire The extra was sold and read and was on the streets of the town at the breakfast hour Copies were sent to friends at a distance saving the trouble of writing letters

Possibly there will be a nomination for a member of the supreme court for the third district before Decatur is left There are 16 counties in this district

It is now comfortable in the court room to day, with a good head of steam on and the mercury about 20 degrees above zero

The remarkable run of the Elks (200 consecutive nights) at the Madison Square theatre New York is guaranty that the piece is a hit One play has been presented 87 times in other New York theatres, and has been given with great success in all the principal cities of the country Saturday evening this play will be presented for the first time in this city at the opera house and no lover of a fine drama should miss seeing it The sale of seats begins Thursday morning at Prescott's

Elder D C Joiner pastor of the African Methodist church this city, is dangerously ill at Springfield

Rev DeWitt Talmage wrote the following about Dr Willits who is to lecture at Music Hall on 'The Model Wife' on Friday night 'The people of Philadelphia long ago understood that what this lecturer says he does well Without any of the vim or convention diction of musical twang, with which many of our public speakers are afflicted he discourses in a style that is bright with out being dry, poetic without being stupid humorous without being rash pungent without being fiendish We all came away filled with good humor and resolution more highly to appreciate our home Long live Dr Willits the entertaining guest and the genial man'

Extra preparations are in progress for the sociable and entertainment to be given to night at the hall of Celestial Lodge of Odd Fellows This will be orchestral music

Settled at Last

The Supreme court has rendered a decision denying a rehearing in the celebrated Bike case This leaves the case in the condition in which it stood when the court one year ago reversed the decision of the circuit court of McLean county granting a peremptory mandamus to compel the State Board of Education to convey to Mrs Julia A Bicwell, of Blooming on a certain tract of land in the city of Bloomington commonly denoted by the word Bike to the State University at Normal At the session of 1885 the legislature adopted a joint resolution in effect asking the state board to reconvey this land to Mrs Bickwell on the ground that the institution had departed from the character it possessed at the time of the donation, and had failed to comply with the conditions under which it was received The state board having refused to carry in effect the resolution of 1885, by a reconveyance of the land as cited in the resolution a legislature of 1887 adopted a resolution to effect it did claimed the title to the land in question absolutely vested in Mrs Bickwell as contemplated in the original resolution The effect of the Supreme court decision is to sustain the action of the state board and leave the land in the hands of the state

Reserved Seats for the
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may be selected at once at
Saxton's Book Store
First come first served Purchase your tickets at once W E Mann

It is not an experiment not an advertisement, but a fact namely that coffee superior to our *Blends* Mocha or *Java* is neither grown, imported nor drank Dinges & Cloyd jan13 dtf

New Officers in Place.

At the special meeting of Gen J H Moore Camp, No 14, Sons of Veterans, held at G A R Post hall last night, the newly elected officers were installed by Captain John P Prell of Blue Mound Camp

Captain—Frank R Shull
First Lieutenant—Luthe Martin
Second Lieutenant —John Young
Camp Council—F R Shull, H T Hays and John Young
Chaplain—Monte Pennell
Quartermaster Sergeant — Herman Martin
Sergeant of the Guard—Harry T Hays
First Sergeant—Ed Bevers
Representative to Division Encampment to be held at Rock Island in June—Captain Shull All past Captains of the Camp—C M Durfee, H M Moore, John Young, Robert Oglesby and H T Hays, are entitled to the privileges of the encampment

The Sons of Veterans hope to swell their ranks to a hundred or more during the present year, purchase new uniforms and aid the G A R Post in furnishing the new hall in Orlando Powers' new building All sons of old soldiers, 18 years of age, are eligible to membership The initiation fee has been reduced to $1 50

A Sleighride and Oyster Supper.

Mr and Mrs F T Seeley will give a public reception at their home in the northwest part of the city on Thursday evening of this week Large sleighs will leave the Baptist church at 7, 7 30 and 8 o'clock in the evening, to carry all who may wish to attend A fine oyster supper will be served, and a delightful time may be expected The proceeds are for the benefit of the new Baptist church All are invited

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs Frank W Anderson of St Louis, arrived in the city to day She is a guest of Mrs S B Knight at the Roby

Henry S Colladay, of Marietta street, this city, has just been granted a pension by the government

Chairman Woodcock of the county board was in the city to day on business and paid the Republican a call

Born, to Mr and Mrs Geo E Smith, 731 East Bradford street, January 16th a daughter

Dr J I Reid, the veterinary surgeon, who has been absent in Canada for several weeks, has returned to the city, and is again on duty

Miss Mary Hirtten and Mr Harry Henry were the attendants at the Hess-Henry marriage at the German Catholic church last evening

James I Pond and Miss Lulora Porter, of Niantic W F Moore and Miss Mina Kinney, and James C Williams and Miss Cora E Moore of Decatur, have been granted marriage licenses

O D Monts has secured a patent on his double action road grader E G Allen is interested in the invention The machine will be put on the market by a Chicago firm

J H Leiban, who has been in the city visiting Nelson Stafford and Charles Williams, departed for the west to day He is a proxy to soldier in the United States regular army He belongs to a company in the barracks at Ft Omaha.

Judge J W Wilkin was in the city yesterday and received the greetings of friends at the St Nicholas He returned to Danville The Judge will be a candidate for the Supreme Court bench and will be elected

Capt F Hilt was released from the Joliet penitentiary after serving 12 months of the two years' sentence for committing a outrage on his sister in law in this county near Latham now has but one arm He met with an accident in the prison and the arm had to be amputated He has a wife at Latham

Meeting of the City Council.

A brief session of the city council was held last night Mayor Aikman in the chair Philip Ruch's application was granted a three months license to open a new saloon in the Bachl building on Water street Inspector Hammond's report was placed on file and the Decatur Lumber Company was granted permission to tap the Cerro Gordo water main The trench has been dug and connections will soon be made The plat of C H Brown's subdivision was approved City Engineer Burgess presented his estimate of the cost of the proposed sewer in District 2 The sewer will commence at the branch one hundred feet south of the center of Prairie street on Broadway, thence north on Broadway to Marietta, thence west on Marietta to Water, thence north on Water to the city limits, the total length being 6,059 feet or nearly one and a quarter miles The total cost of the brick in the sewer is $18 169 70, total cost of excavating $15 312 70, there will be five three catch basins, costing $3 385, sixteen manholes costing $560, five thousand feet of lumber, $150, one connection at the intersection of a cross sewer $100 The total cost of the work will be $38 668 40 The report was referred to the public improvement committee

Last week while taking an active part in a fire at a town in Missouri, James Hughes traveling man for the C, B & Q works, this city, met with a painful accident and now he carries his right arm in a sling A bone of the arm was fractured by a hand grenade that struck him instead of the flames It settled him, and he was out of the fight at once

Ayer's Hair Vigor improves the beauty of the hair and promotes its growth It prevents the accumulation of hurtful diseases the scalp, and restores natural color to gray hair Have you received Ayer's Almanac for the new year

Lost in London.

There will be a big audience at the opera house Friday night to see 'Lost in London' with its wonderful scenic effects Said the Columbus *Dispatch*

Of this excellent play great praise must be spoken The arrangement of the details the plot, the actors, and the magnificent scenery, all demand more than special mention Mr Beesan his interpretation of *Job Armroyd* the wronged husband displayed his strong and vigorous style and his excellence as an actor Miss Jessie Lee Randolph as *Nellie Armroyd*, secured the admiration of all by her fine acting The company as a whole is good in the extreme The great feature of the play is the superb scenery used—be snow scene in the fourth act when the streets of London are shown the conservatory in the fifth act, and the [illegible] are all remarkable [illegible] especially interesting

It is become weak or the eyes inflamed sore, a disordered system—condition of the blood [illegible] which Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best remedy It invigorates and vitalizes the blood and expels all humors

Upholstering and Furniture Repairing done by A. Beer. Will please everybody Lincoln Square Jan 15-d3m

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Trials of Jury Cases—Michael Godfrey Wins the Slander Case

TUESDAY, JAN 17

Civil cases continue to receive attention in the circuit court, with Judge Smith presiding

COMMON LAW DOCKET

W T Roberts & Co vs H B Hammond, Receiver I D & S Ry assumpsit Defendant defaulted Judgment for $151 48

John Gleason vs Frank Plumer, appellant appeal Dismissed for want of prosecution

Bernard Stuve vs Southey Lancaster assumpsit Dismissed for want of prosecution

David Hutchison vs I A Buckingham assumpsit Motion by plaintiff for continuance allowed at his cost

W A Fisher, appellant vs Decatur Mutual Life, Accident and Relief Association appeal Dismissed by plaintiff

Jesse Robb vs Michael Godfrey trespass Trial by jury Defendant not guilty and judgment for costs

Charles S Hankins vs Aaron Smith assumpsit Trial by jury pending

W T Roberts & Co vs H B Hammond, Receiver I D & S Ry assumpsit Demurrer to declaration

Decatur Coal Co vs Lawrence Coal Co assumpsit Continued

Village of Blue Mound vs Mathias Meidel certiorari motion by petitioner to amend petition and amendment presented motion referred and writ of certiorari quashed Appeal prayed and allowed

Geiser Ruder & Co vs John Irwin assumpsit Default Court assessed damages at $51 25 Judgment allowed

J I Priest vs John Giblin and John W May ejectment Continued by agreement

Henry Schwab vs Z Crosby appeal Property ordered returned

CHANCERY DOCKET

Matilda Rutherford vs George Rutherford divorce Answer withdrawn Evidence heard by court and decree of divorce awarded at cost of plaintiff

Mary C Moreland vs John R Moreland divorce Evidence heard and decree of divorce granted at cost of complainant

Nellie Hudson vs David Hudson divorce Evidence heard and decree awarded

Clara M Immerich vs Lutz Immerich divorce Evidence heard and decree awarded at cost of complainant $50 allowed solicitor's fee

A Walt vs John Hudson et al foreclosure Referred to master

John Ulrich trustee et al vs John Huber et al chancery Decree pro confesso and referred

Alex Nichols vs Edwin Nichols divorce Decree pro confesso

Emma Talbert vs James Talbert divorce Leave to amend bill

Albert Conover et al vs John Conover chancery Evidence heard by court and decree granted

Ann E Moot et al vs Sarah J Guth et al partition and dower Bill dismissed as to John F Ross, Decree pro confesso against all defendants not answering and referred to master

John R Warren, admr vs Joseph Millsted et al chancery Decree pro confesso against adults and referred

Rachel Vanhuss vs Jesse Vanhuss divorce Decree pro confesso

Election.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church held its annual election of officers last evening with the following result

President—Mrs Robt G Wells
Vice President—Miss Lillie A Brown
Secretary—Robert B Lytle
Treasurer—Will Heilman

Five new members were voted in and the reports of the retiring officers show the society to be in a flourishing condition

A Boomer

Mr John W Phillips formerly of Decatur, who has located in business at St Joe Mo sends us a copy of the boom edition of the St Joe *Daily Mirror*, a paper of 24 pages 96 by 60 bound and profusely illustrated St Joe's population is given at 75,000, wholesale trade, '87, $124 978 900 bank clearances, increase 1887, 51 per cent, Manufactures, 1887, $22,335 000 A large colored map accompanies the *Mirror*

A Profitable Cow.

A full blooded Alderney cow owned at the St Nicholas hotel farm, about three miles from Springfield, has displayed a wonderful progenitive capacity of late Last Wednesday she gave birth to a fine large calf of masculine gender This was not strange but she failed to furnish the newly developed bovine with nourishment The manager of the farm supposed the cow was 'spoiled' and turned her in with the fat cattle for market The farm hands were astonished to day at the birth of two more calves from the same cow The latter are heifers and since their birth the mother has furnished an abundance of milk for her triple production —*Springfield Journal*

Charles Richards has issued the January number of the *Western Breeders' Gazette*, which gives the official awards at the late poultry show, besides much other valuable information of interest to the chicken fancier

Star Course Facts and Figures

There will be no complimentaries

We want to pay as we go, and want the people to go as they pay

The Star Course is an experiment, the object of which is to furnish first class talent at prices which will enable the masses to attend

The talent is good The prices are low

Many people who have not visited Music Hall (the tabernacle) recently, will be much surprised to find they do not recognize the place Music Hall is a handsome place for entertainments—well lighted, comfortable and seats well arranged The people of Decatur now have an opportunity to speak in a decided manner as to whether moral and instructive entertainments for the masses shall constitute a part in the make up of our rapidly growing city

RESERVED SEAT PRICES

Attractions	Single Admission	Course Tickets
Bill Nye	50 cents	$1 25
Bill Nye	50	50
Home Concert	50	50
Col Sanford	50	50
Col Copeland	50	50
	$2 50	$3 25

Reserve seat season tickets are transferable Reserve seats secure to the bearer a first-class seat, even though late in coming Reserve seats save money, drive away worry and make the purchaser happy Secure reserve seats at Saxton's Book Store at once 16 d2

MARRIED.

At the German Catholic church January 16 at 4 p m by Rev Father Lambert Mr Henry Hess and Miss Anna M Henry

The couple have taken apartments in the Ferbock

Chicago Grain Market

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p m to day, received by G C Caldwell, Secretary Decatur Grain Co

Wheat—77⅝ Jan, 77 Feb, 78¼ Mar, 84⅜ May.
Corn—49 Jan 49 Feb, 49⅛ March, 51 May
Oats—31 Jan, 31 Feb, 31½ March, 34⅜ May
Pork—$14 65 Feb, $14.75 March $15 10 May
Lard—$7 32 Feb, $7 42 Mar, $7 57 May
Ribs—$7 02 Feb, $7 72 Mar, $7 90 May
Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs 27 000, prospects lower
Cattle, 12,000, prospects lower
Car Lots—Wheat, Winter 8, Spring 13, Corn 178 Oats 7

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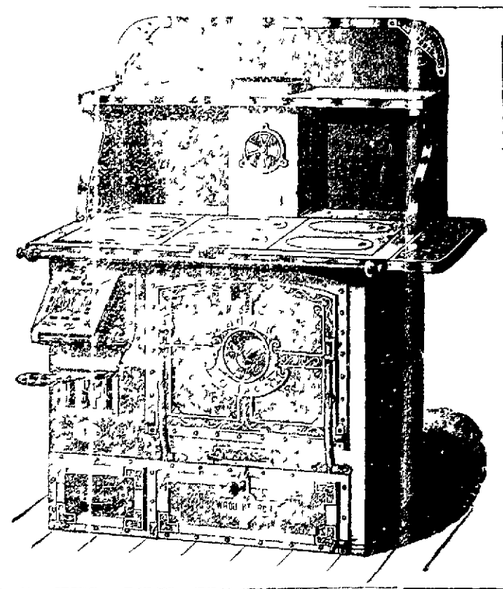

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IT IS ABOUT A STARVING FAMILY IN THE METROPOLIS

The Mother Sends Her Child Out to Beg in the Streets of New York—A Sad Tale with a Happy Ending—A Severed Family and Its Reunion

[Special Correspondence.]

NEW YORK, Jan 9

I SHALL never forget an incident that occurred to me in my early journalistic experience, said an old gentleman at the Press club the other evening to a party of reporters who were interchanging their professional reminiscences.

I had been detailed by the managing editor of the paper to which I was then attached to attend a meeting somewhere up town—which then, by the way, was anywhere south of Union square—and was returning to the office through one of the narrow streets that are common on the east side of the city, when a childish figure emerged from the shadow of a building and a faint, girlish voice said piteously: 'Please, sir, please—only a penny!'

The night was cold and tempestuous, the wind driving a sleety rain, and it was something unusual to find a beggar starving in such a storm. Besides, there was an indescribable plaintiveness in the tone, and as it arrested my attention I saw before me a little child, apparently about 12 years of age, wrapped in an old tattered garment that might once have been a cloak, but now a mere cover of rags. Her look was one of utter despair, and a glance at the pinched features showed that the little one had seen better days.

'Why, my child!' I said to her encouragingly, 'what has brought you out on such a night as this? Where do you live?'

'Oh, sir! I'm not a beggar,' she replied, looking up into my face and bursting into tears, 'and I don't feel the cold, but brother's sick, and we have to have a fire; none of us have had anything to eat since yesterday, and I've been afraid to go home without—and—and I—I—could go no further,' and bursting into tears such as only a young heart would shed.

Telling her to hide her face, I went down with her—to see what could be done with the most destitute family it was ever my privilege to encounter. The apartment was low and damp; the door, the only chair and the only bed constituted the furniture. Heat and light, such as they were, came from a few bits of wood smouldering in the grate. It was the old, old story of hard grinding poverty in which the pawnbroker had played the chief part, and the sequel was starvation and death.

That which first attracted my attention, however, was the wasted form of a little boy, some four years of age, whose glassy eyes and hollow cheeks plainly told that he was in the clutch of the fell destroyer, and the end was not far off. A woman, lately but scantily clad, with a child in her arms, was sitting by the bedside and gazing wistfully into his face as only a mother can look who sees her best beloved district, inch by inch, slip away on the tide; but even amid this deep grief it was impossible not to observe that she was gentle and refined, and once had been beautiful.

A moment sufficed to show the necessity for instant relief, and a word or two of consolation and encouragement, I took the little girl to a neighboring grocery. Making my errand known, and mentioning the name of my paper, which, by the way, proved to have considerable the good natured proprietor at once filled a basket with such articles of food as were immediately useful, including a bottle of which two or three extra blankets were obtained, and a man sent to render such assistance as the necessity to make the children temporarily comfortable. On my return my little girl cheerful one was blazing in the grate, the little patient was enjoying the luxury of an orange, wine and jelly were on the table by his side, and the other inmates of the household had partaken of what to them was a rare, substantial meal. On my first visit father were only here remarked the lad—no, might be add not as much as used to be in our mess house in the country.

A question or two elicited the story of the family trouble. It was just such a tale of misfortune as befalls thousands every year in this city. The father was a well to do architect. All my and I believed in case and comfort in the current moment, however, he was induced to invest his savings in a speculative building enterprise, and an unexpected depreciation of property following, as he grew worse the mother was not only unable to visit the prison, but one day her employer, angry that a garment was not finished in time, refused to supply her with further work. One by one the household articles were sold to appease the pangs of hunger, until abject want, with all its horrors, stared the little family in the face. As a last resort, the young daughter had that evening gone out to beg, and if this so desperate to a proud nature, had failed, the broken hearted woman was prepared to lie down and die. "Yet," she said in concluding her sad story, 'God, you see, has heard our prayers and tempered the wind to the shorn lamb, and may Heaven bless you!'

It was with a heavy heart that I took my departure that night, but it was coupled with a determination to restore the husband to his family, if possible, and through him find means for permanent relief. The next morning I called upon a professional friend and related the circumstances. His sympathies, like my own, were at once enlisted. Pausing a moment, he said: 'Did you not state that the creditor's name was Balch—John Balch?'

'I did.' Then he replied joyously, 'I have it. See!' Referring to a docket he took down a paper and continued: 'Balch is defendant in a suit brought by an estate which I represent, and the case has been decided against him. Judgment has been entered, and the money which he will have to pay will be mine for services rendered. That he will be glad to surrender the notes of this poor man as a part quittance I have not a doubt, and, if you please, I will enter satisfaction and trust to the poor fellow's ability to pay hereafter. At any rate he shall be free today.'

My legal friend had no difficulty in arranging the business with Balch according to the plan agreed upon, and late that evening I again visited the poverty stricken home to make the wife and mother acquainted with the good news. I was also accompanied by a physician, whose skill I hoped would restore the little sufferer to health, but I saw at a glance when he examined the boy that it was a case beyond hope. The doctor whispered to me that he was in the last stages of an disease. The mother, too, seemed conscious that the sands of life had nearly run out. Even as we sat there the boy was dying.

Suddenly a wondering express on passed over his face, and he half started up in bed and gazed around wildly. 'George, my love, don't you know me,' sobbed the mother. 'Oh mother, is it you? I thought I saw such a strange, sweet face, stars and clouds, and bright angels beckoning to me. I must have been dreaming. Is where is father? Didn't the good man tell us he was coming. Why don't he hurry and [illegible] mother? Take me in your arms and let me lay my head upon your bosom as I used to do when I was a baby like Charlie. Now I know mother but where is father? In any event he is to tell my God by.'

Notwithstanding all assistance, for we were not in vain. Even the old physician used as his was to such scenes, could not conceal his emotion. 'When I am gone,' the little one continued speaking now with difficulty, 'bury me in the country in some spot like that where she was laid, and—and—' But instead of finishing, the sentence his wandering thoughts reverted to his absent father and he again started looking anxiously toward the door. 'Father, dear father, do do come home, and then he sank exhausted upon his mother's bosom. I turned from the sight all was over. He had fallen asleep, his hush he started again upon his knees and looking up eagerly exclaimed: 'Hush! There he is—he is—on the stair!' And rising his wan hand in ecstasy, fell backward.

While the words to cheer his lips the door flew open and the patient husband returned from his unsuccessful errand. 'Now, my darling son!' he said in a strong, cheerful tone, starting with delight. It was all he could say. 'Father—good—to see—kiss me—there,' murmured the dying child. 'How often—do it—leave me—dark—father—mother—good by.' And with a smile and a long sigh the young life had run its course and gone out to the God who gave it. The vanishment of death that fell upon the room was only broken by the old physician as he lifted his eyes to heaven and said devoutly: 'The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away—blessed be the name of the Lord.' For the veil must drop.

We buried the little fellow as he requested, in the country, where the birds could build their nests and sing above him. And the father and mother knew [illegible] began for them. A comfortable home was provided and as them and they became known good men and women gathered around them as friends. Through the influence of the lawyer and the old physician the disheartened architect was re-established in his profession, business poured in upon him and in a few years he was again prosperous. The first use of his fortune was to discharge the notes we held, with full interests and all costs. The mother in gratitude for the success that had come to her in the hour of her greatest need devoted her life to charitable deeds among the poor. Her daughter—the ragged little girl who, that wintry night, so pitifully exclaimed: 'Please sir, only a penny,' has decided not only a beautiful woman and has children of her own. More than a quarter of a century has passed since the mournful events centered around the beds of the dying boy, but those who survive, will never forget the scene, or sever the ties that in misery made more precious than links of gold.

F. G. DE FONTAINE.

'IT'S FATHER!'

In New York City

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